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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BULENT DERVISOGLU et al.

Application No.: 09/275,726

Filed: March 24, 1999

For: ON-CHIP SERVICE PROCESSOR
FOR TEST AND DEBUG OF
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Examiner: D. TON

Art Unit: 2133

REQUEST FOR
REINSTATEMENT
OF EXPEDITED
APPEAL UNDER
MPEP §708.01(B)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.193(b)(2)(ii), the applicants of the patent application entitled above respectfully request for reinstatement of the appeal of the final Office Action of October 31, 2001 in which all pending claims 1-22 were rejected. After the applicants filed their appeal brief on May 6, 2002, the Examiner reopened prosecution in the Office Action of February 6, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the final rejection of the October 31, 2001 Office Action and rejected claims 1-22 on new grounds.

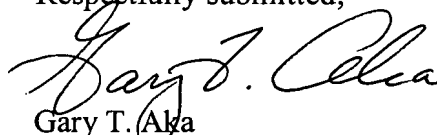
The accompanying Supplemental Appeal Brief in triplicate argues that the new grounds do not support the rejection of claims 1-22 and that the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn and a patent issued accordingly.

Consideration of this appeal should be expedited in accordance with MPEP §708.01(B). The applicants filed a Petition to Make Special pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102 and MPEP §708.02 on August 22, 2000; which petition was granted on October 26, 2000 (Paper No. 6).

The applicants point out more than 4 years have passed since they filed this patent application. In the accompanying Supplemental Appeal Brief, the applicants argue against the rejection of their pending claims for obviousness because a *prima facie* case for obviousness has not been made. The failure to meet all the requirements for a *prima facie* case is argued, including the failure to meet all the claim limitations by the combination of references. At this stage of prosecution, this is an unseemly state of affairs and the applicants urge a speedy decision in their favor.

If it is determined that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-1652 (Order No. ONCHP001).

Respectfully submitted,



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